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ZANZIBAR INTEREST IN CARGO AIRCRAFT

1. DURING FAREWELL CALL ON MR. SHABAN KHAMIS MLOO, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL WHO IS CONSULATE'S PRINCIPAL CONTACT ON COMMERCIAL MATTERS, MLOO RAISED WITH ECON/COMMERCIAL OFFICER POSSIBILITY OF GETTING INFORMATION ON PURCHASE OF CARGO AIRCRAFT.

2. MLOO SAID ZANZIBAR GOVERNMENT WANTS NEW AIRCRAFT (NUMBER AND TYPE NOT SPECIFIED) TO SERVE AS CARGO CARRIERS FOR ZANZIBAR AND PEMBA. ENLARGED ZANZIBAR AIRPORT, WHEN COMPLETED IN "APPROXIMATELY SEVEN MONTHS" WILL, MLOO SAID, BE ABLE TO HANDLE AIRCRAFT AS LARGE AS DC-9. MLOO SAID ZANZIBAR ALSO PLANNING HAVE OWN PILOTS TRAINED BY CHARTER COMPANY IN NAIROBI.

3. CONSULATE WILL UNDERTAKE TO GET CLEARER PICTURE FROM MLOO WHAT KIND OF AIRCRAFT ZANZIBARIS WANT TO BUY AND, IN THIS CONNECTION, WILL ALSO SEEK TO ASCERTAIN PROJECTED DIMENSIONS AND LOAD CAPABILITIES OF ENLARGED ZANZIBAR AND PEMBA AIRPORTS.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON BASIS OF TODAY'S CONVERSATION INSUFFICIENT FOR PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING FORMAL TRADE OPPORTUNITY LISTING, AND IT IS NOT CLEAR TO WHAT EXTENT ZANZIBARIS THEMSELVES KNOW WHAT THEY WANT. AT SAME TIME THEY SOUND SERIOUS

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AND ZANZIBAR'S CASH RESERVES WOULD CLEARLY PERMIT PURCHASE OF

NEW AIRCRAFT. CONSULATE NOTES THAT VICE PRESIDENT JUMBE IN
JULY 30 MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR ALSO SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED
DC-9S.
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